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## Trial a Farce.

The verdict rendered last night in the murder trial of Teodoro Gutierrez, which occupied the attention of the district court for several days, was just what had to be expected from the day the defendant was bound over for trial. With a prosecution attorney who had spent the tax money in a trial of this nature, when the evidence from the very inception of the death of Edgardo Perez showed that the defendant was a self-defense man, and that Gutierrez had defended himself, he would have met with about as much success as a man who would have shown them the fatal error of pretending to lead without being able to say whether. As for Johnson, his blind faith in his own qualities of leadership rests on the 300,000 majority, which most people but himself have forgotten. The state demands more of a leader than mere opposition. It demands constructive thought in place of destructive opposition. It will examine long and slowly the words of any man who plays with national issues for personal ends and invites confusion in the name of liberty.

The charge against Gutierrez should have been dismissed in the justice court, and as a matter of fact it never should have been there. Proper investigation of witnesses to the tragedy would have been made by the prosecuting attorney, and the facts were in hand, which should have warranted the announcement that the defendant would not be prosecuted in view of the fact that he was wholly justified in defending himself and his wife against an unwarranted assault.

It is very easy to spend the money of the taxpayers when one is in a position to do so, but the voters should remember these instances and at the next election seek men in public positions to whom they can guard the strong box of the country and keep expenses to the very least.

## Touching the Tariff.

Knives are good and useful things, though now and then put to evil uses, especially by our citizens from Latin Europe who are historically adept to the unfriendly employment of knotted implements. There is no room to question, however, that knives—table, jack and various other sorts—are necessary to us as a people and should be kept within the reach of slender purses, but whether we should let Germany make them for us because she can make them cheaper is a question on which there is division of opinion.

Facts have been laid before congressional committees wrestling with the tariff showing that knives made by German artisans earning wages of 8 cents, gold, a day are brought into the United States at a cost of 12 cents apiece and sold to American consumers for as much as \$4, that being something like the price of the American product as made by workmen at wages of \$4 to \$5 a day, after the several profits of manufacturers and distributors have been added to it.

This is an extreme case, but it is clear as daylight that we shall make no more knives in this country unless the tariff equalizes the cost of the domestic and foreign products; and there are endless other manufactured commodities in the same class. The question therefore is whether we shall give up manufacturing and buy abroad the articles we need, paying therefor in raw materials and foods? This is the free trade contention; but an objection to it is that all experience shows that whenever our own factories have been closed by competition from outside the foreign maker charges us all the traffic will bear and prices go killing skyward to altitudes never reached before. A foreign monopoly is quite as heartless as one that is native to our soil; and the only safety for consumers lies in pitting one such extortioner against another.

## Playing With Fire.

There is nothing more remarkable in the history of the Democratic party than the skill with which its leaders are now driving every thinking Democrat out of it. This is the necessary outcome of the attitude of Senators Hitchcock, Reed, et al., toward the conference treaties. Their determination to obstruct this great step toward constructive peace, and to tumble the world back into the mire of mistrust and confusion from which it has so painfully emerged, their willingness to demolish a work which, however incomplete it may be, has been achieved only by a unique and unexampled effort of forbearance and patience on the part of all the great nations involved, reveals an appropriateness not altogether laughable in the long-eroded emblem of the party, says the San Francisco Journal.

These gestures will meet with a

just consequence. They will alienate the vote of every intelligent man and woman from the Democratic party, and they will antagonize every responsible newspaper. If the Democratic chiefs have a candidate with whom they hope to effect this initial defection, he is not valuable to the public. From among their present list they could name none who could impose as a leader even on the most ignorant. As for their policy, the official demise of the Progressive party in California must have taught everyone capable of learning that radicalism is a lost cause. The tremendous blunder of Johnson a mistake amounting possibly to political suicide, should have shown them the fatal error of pretending to lead without being able to say whether. As for Johnson, his blind faith in his own qualities of leadership rests on the 300,000 majority, which most people but himself have forgotten. The state demands more of a leader than mere opposition. It demands constructive thought in place of destructive opposition. It will examine long and slowly the words of any man who plays with national issues for personal ends and invites confusion in the name of liberty.

The thin, glistening shriek of the Democratic vanguard deceives no one, not even itself. Every one knows that an unsatisfactory treaty can be abrogated, and that the present treaties commit the nation to nothing more than an expression of intention, or good faith. No one but a wanton obstructionist could raise the objections made on Friday in the senate—but made, it is to be hoped, by men who will one day wish that the stigma of their own words could be erased from their record. Certainly, do they say? The real calamity awaits, not America, but a party which, in obeying the helm of ignorance and radicalism, is heading for a reef that will split it from prow to stern, and plunge its leaders and their unthinking followers into a well-earned political oblivion.

## Age of Specialization.

The remark has been made countless times that this is the age of specialization. It is true. The machinery of our industrial world proves it as a fact.

Specialists are numerous everywhere. The industry of our country supports them in hosts.

Accustomed as we are becoming, however, to the presence of men who specialize in this, that or the other thing, it is with some small sort of surprise that they are found to be working their way into the machinery of this steadily grinding government of ours, which has been running along so much in the fashion of a huge barge and for so long a time that it naturally would seem to show an aversion to innovations, says the Mining Congress Journal.

It is doubtful if any single administration, save only the one which actually initiated the Republic, has brought so many changes into the procedure of government business as the one now in power.

Under one of these innovations which is planned by the labor department, men who are especially familiar with individual industries will be occupied entirely by studying labor conditions of these industries and trying to solve labor difficulties which arise within them.

The original plans, outlined in the first annual report to be submitted by the present secretary of labor, proposed that twelve of these specialists in labor conciliation be appointed to handle the labor questions arising within as many different industries.

Congress, however, evidently will not supply sufficient funds for this program to be carried out in its entirety, but officials of the department declare that at least three or four of these specialists will be appointed under funds in hand to take up the department's conciliatory work relating to the most important industries.

Thus it may be that the coal industry in the future will find in the department of labor a man who, day in and day out, will work on nothing but its labor problems. This man must be of the type which the secretary speaks when he says that the man selected must be "of the broadest gauge" and "must know his special industry from top to bottom." Continuing his specifications of the man desired, Mr. Davis says:

"He must also know something of the operation of management, so as to have the necessary under-

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IN FARMING

ANCHORAGE, Alaska, Mar. 8.—Settlers intending to come to Alaska to farm must first to gold and coal mining for support while their farms are being developed, C. J. Lincke, secretary to the Anchorage Chamber of Commerce, declared in a statement issued recently to guide people intending to come to the territory.

"Prospective settlers for Alaska are warned that as yet the operating department of the United States railroad has not yet evolved any comprehensive colonization scheme," Mr. Lincke's statement said, "but in all likelihood this will be done as soon as a policy is shaped, looking to the governing of this phase of the situation."

"In the meantime there is available for settlement approximately 1,000,000 acres of land surrounding Anchorage, and approximately 12,000,000 acres in the Tanana Valley region, which embraces the towns of Fairbanks and Nenana, on the Tanana and the railroad. This land is now producing No. 1 hard wheat."

"To settle this country, it will be necessary for pioneer farmers to take in their own farming hands the standing of the problems and hazards that go with the handling of business."

For the position to be filled by a man not holding the qualities called for in these specifications would be to minimize the success of this mission to what the department of labor evidently believes to be the demands of this age of specialization.

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